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Rural Municipality of  
**PINEY**



September 2019

## MONTHLY REMINDERS

### Labour Day Office Closure

The RM Office will be closed  
**Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.**



### Ross L. Gray School



**Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

### Board of Revision

**Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
10:00 a.m.**

The last day to appeal your 2020 assessment is September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Please apply in writing, including the roll number, your name, and your discrepancy with the assessed value.

**Board of Revision will be held in the Council Chambers.**

*A SPECIAL THANK YOU to everyone who helped in the recent search and rescue.*

*We should be proud and thankful of a community willing to come together in a time of need.*

*Thank you to all that helped in every way!*

*You are appreciated!*

# THANK YOU!

*Professionals*

*Businesses*

*Community Members*

*Friends & Family*

*Volunteers*

*First Responders*

*Resources*

*Neighbours*

## Tax Payments

A Tax Payments Policy is in place for paying your tax bill online, in person, over the phone, or by mail:

**Online payments** can be done if you bank with a Credit Union or Caisse bank. **Each roll number must be entered separately when doing online payments.** If you pay one large sum to one roll number, that payment will ONLY be applied to that roll number.

**When mailing in a cheque**, please provide the tax bill stub from the bottom of your tax bill. If you own more than one property, include each stub from each bill.

**If paying in person**, the RM office accepts cash, cheque, debit, or credit card payments. A 2% charge is required on all credit card payments. Make sure to bring all your tax bills you received. If you do not have them, it is your responsibility to know how many roll numbers you have.

**Credit card payments** can be received over the phone and will require the 2% charge. Let us know your roll number(s) and the amount you want on your account. **All receipts are mailed and/or given to you at the time of payment. Please notify the RM if your address has changed.**

## RM HIGHLIGHTS

**RM Summer Project** – Summer is almost done and the RM has been busy completing a number of road maintenance operations over the past two months. We are pleased with the asphalt improvement completed in Woodridge, greatly extending the useful life of our asphalt road infrastructure. Municipal roads are receiving their annual mowing, what an improvement in appearance and for safety. Most of our annual graveling is also completed for 2019.

**RM Lobbying Efforts** – The Council continues to lobby on behalf of our ratepayers. Some of the topics over the summer months included: road impacts and community disruptions resulting from Canadian National Railways ongoing track maintenance and operations program. The RM has voiced concerns regarding the lack of mowing along our Provincial Roads. Inadequate maintenance on PR404 has been brought forward on a number of occasions with the Province; the condition of this road at times has made it difficult to travel. The RM has also addressed illegal waste dumping on Crown Land with our regional Environment Officer. On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Environment Officer inspected one of these known dumping sites. Ratepayers are encouraged to voice their concerns to Council; the RM will forward the concerns to the appropriate provincial department having oversight.

**Manitoba – Minnesota Transmission Line Working Group** – Ongoing lobbying efforts to secure funding for the Manitoba – Minnesota Transmission Line have seen little progress over the last two months. The RM's efforts will continue in the upcoming months with the recent announcement of final approval for the construction of the transmission line. For more information, please contact Manitoba Hydro:

- Phone toll-free at: 1-877-343-1631 or 204-360-7888
- Email: MMTP@hydro.mb.ca
- Web: [https://www.hydro.mb.ca/projects/mb\\_mn\\_transmission/](https://www.hydro.mb.ca/projects/mb_mn_transmission/)

**Seniors Care Facility** – The RM of Piney, along with its partners East Borderland Community Housing and the Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce have agreed to investigate the feasibility of Supportive Housing which would service Southeast Manitoba. The group continues to explore innovative ways of providing better housing options for the seniors within the region and improve the quality of life for those residing in the RM.

**Building Sustainable Communities Grant** – The RM of Piney and the RM of Stuartburn have successfully secured joint funding for the promotion and development of economic and social growth within the southeast region. The goal of this initiative is to improve upon and provide a foundation for prospering, stable communities where families can call home. Some major components of the project include: investigation into potential economic opportunities, the research and development of community profile material to help market our region and foster regional investment. Youth retention and engagement is a key component of the project, with dedicated effort to providing opportunities to youth with the region. The final stage of the project will involve marketing our region and increasing awareness of the economic potential which exist in Southeast Manitoba.

## RM HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED...

**AMM Eastern District News** – Councillor Melanie Parent was elected Eastern District representative at the 2019 June District Meeting. Councillor Parent has and will continue to advocate on issues affecting not only the RM of Piney, but many others affecting our neighboring municipalities throughout the eastern region. The upcoming Provincial Election is certainly a topic of discussion, as AMM launches the new “Partners in Growth” initiative. You can follow AMM's social media posts throughout the campaign by following the AMM on Facebook or Twitter. Other initiatives include the availability of funding for Manitoba 150 community events. Those interested should visit the Manitoba 150 Official website. Finally, AMM continues to provide opportunities for its members to better understand Manitoba's Shared Health plan, the most recent information is the Shared Health Summary Document. Work is now underway to incorporate feedback and to finalize models of care that will meet the needs of the population while ensuring sustainability and consistency into the future in areas like human resources and digital health.



### Coffee with Council

Residents of the RM are encouraged to join council at our ‘Coffee with Council’ meet and greet on:



**Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

*Sandilands Park*

Meeting will be held at Woodridge Fire Hall in case of rain.

**Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

*Middlebro Community Hall*

Coffee with Council is a time for community members within our RM to join council to voice concerns or ask council any questions they may have.

Bluestem Development Ltd. will give a brief presentation, seeking input in regards to the Development Plan.

***We hope to see you there!***

### Land Use Survey

***Closes end of September***

**Take Our Survey**

Paper copies are available at the RM office.

*Completed surveys can be returned to:*

The RM of Piney  
Box 48, Vassar, MB, R0A 2J0

*Visit the following link to complete the Survey online:*

**<https://getfoureyes.com/s/781I2/>**





### MIDDLEBRO FALL COMMUNITY MARKET

Will be having a market every Sunday in September  
under the gazebo in the park.

DATES: September 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

TIME: 10 am - 3 pm

CONTACT INFORMATION : 204-437-2415 to rent a  
table (\$10) or ask questions. Vendors of all kinds  
welcome.

Reminder that there is breakfast available in the  
community hall at 10 am, call 204-437-2415 to reserve  
a meal (\$6)

SEE YOU THERE and if it rains vendors will be in the  
hall



## USED BOOK SALE CLEARSPRING MALL Steinbach, Manitoba

WEDNESDAY, Sept 18

THURSDAY, Sept 19

FRIDAY, Sept 20

SATURDAY, Sept 21

Volunteers needed to help with sales.  
Call Elsa (204-437-2843) if you are available to volunteer.

### Fundraiser for East Borderland Personal Care Home & Seniors Housing Phase III


Book Donations may be dropped off at EBPHCC  
or call Elsa at 437-2843



**Woodridge Community Club**  
invites you to attend our  
**FALL SUPPER**

**Saturday, September 21, 2019**  
**4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**  
at the Woodridge Community Centre  
69 Denis Street  
Woodridge, MB

**Age 12 - Adults: \$15**  
**Youth (6 - 11 years): \$6**  
**Children under 5 years: Free**



**PINEY**

**ANNUAL FALL ATV  
DERBY**

**PINEY, MANITOBA**

**SATURDAY SEPT. 28, 2019**

**REGISTRATION 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**  
**AT THE PINEY COMMUNITY HALL**

**PRIZE MONEY 20% - 15% - 10% - 5% OF TOTAL HANDS**  
Quick pick Piney Hall

Food will be available on the trail  
**ALL HANDS \$5.00 EACH**

**RAINBOW DRAW, EGG MUFFINS from 9:00 am - 10:30 am**  
**FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE AT THE PINEY  
HALL**

PINEY PWD CONTACT: 204-437-2843 or 204-437-2844  
or 204-437-2845



# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



## Badger



In 1900, Badger was originally a community surrounding a railway station along the Manitoba and Southern Railway. Many settlers were immigrants from central Europe and the British Isles. For \$10 a homesteader could buy 160 acres. They then had three years to clear 10 acres and receive a patent for the land. Many of these settlers were unprepared for such wild, forested land. The timber cleared was used to build a house and farm buildings, to sell as firewood, pulpwood and railway ties. The timber was shipped to Winnipeg via the railway. Settlers also trapped and hunted for extra income.

In the early days, the town boasted three grocery stores, a post office, a dance hall, school house, and station houses. The Badger General Store, built in 1908, is still standing and is now a seasonal residence.

Blueberries were also a big part of Badger's economy. Blueberries were picked by locals, and sold by the basket in local stores. Some were even shipped to Winnipeg via train.

With the emergence of better roads, people came from far and wide to pick blueberries – some from the United States. On a single day in July of 1950, there were over 100 cars that came to the area to pick blueberries. It was said that the frequent wildfires in the area made the blueberry crop especially good. Locals still don't give away their best patches.

The town is now the largest it has ever been with a total of 81 lots. However, most of its residents are seasonal. They enjoy berry picking, the quietness of the pines and hunting. Community events include Badger Days on September long weekend, the community quad run on May long weekend, and most recently established is the lawn dart tournament held on July long weekend.

Jeannine Brandt

Source: Pine Valley Echoes



## BE FIRESMART!



### Around the yard...



- Prune evergreen branches 2 metres from the ground;
- Remove all twigs, dry grass, logs and leaves around the yard;
- Regularly mow and water grass;
- Place fire pits away from trees and overhanging branches;
- Store firewood piles at least 10 metres from any structure.

### On the home...



- Choose a fire resistant roofing material (asphalt, metal or clay);
- Clean your gutters of debris regularly;
- Use a spark arrestor and clean your chimney regularly;
- Choose siding such as metal, stucco, brick/concrete, or fibre cement board;
- Remove all debris from underneath decks and stairways and enclose with fire resistant material.

### In the home...



- Test your smoke & carbon monoxide detectors once a month and replace batteries at least once a year.

## Monthly Meeting



**WHEN: SEPT 12TH, 2019 @ 7PM**  
**WHERE: RM OFFICE - VASSAR, MB**

### MORE EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER:

Terry Fox Run  
 September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Vassar

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER:

Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce  
 October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Council Chambers in Vassar

Stompper Taw Connors  
 October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Sprague

Piney Fall Supper  
 October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Piney  
 Halloween Dinner & Dance  
 October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Sprague Hall